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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN CONCERN OVER ETHIOPIA

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1. JUDGING FROM REFTTEL A, I SUSPECT BASSIOUNY IS
SOURCE OF FAHMY'S SPORADIC CONCERN ABOUT ETHIOPIA.
BASSIOUNY'S REPORTS SEEM TO BE READ BY, OR AT LEAST
SEEN IN DIGEST FORM TO, SADAT, VP MUBARAK AND OTHERS.
AS DEPT AWARE, SADAT HAS ALSO EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN
ABOUT ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENTS.

2. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT KIND OF REPORTS EGYPTIANS ARE
GETTING FROM NUMEIRI, BUT MUCH OF THEIR CONCERN IS
CLEARLY BASED ON WHAT THEY PERCEIVE TO BE A GROWING
THREAT TO THE PRESENT SUDANESE REGIME GENERATED BY ETHIOPIAN
SUPPORT FOR THE ANSAR. ALTHOUGH AFTER YEMENI EXPERIENCE
EGYPTIANS ARE LIKELY TO BE CHARY OF SENDING TROUPS ABROAD,
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SUDAN IS ONE OF THE TWO PLACES WHERE THEY MAKE NO BONES
THAT THEY WOULD INTERVENE MILITARILY TO PREVENT A COMMUNIST
TAKE-OVER OR ATTEMPTED COUP BY WHAT GOE WOULD REGARD AS ANTI-
EGYPTIAN ELEMENTS.

3. AFTER HIS CONCERN OF APPROXIMATELY A YEAR AGO ABOUT AN
ALLEGED ISRAELI PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA, FAHMY DROPPED

THE SUBJECT FOR A LONG TIME. LAST WEEK, HOWEVER, HE
AGAIN ASKED IF IT IS TRUE THAT THERE ARE ISRAELI
ADVISERS IN ETHIOPIA. I SUSPECT BASSIOUNY HAS AGAIN
AROUSED HIS CONCERN. I TOLD HIM THAT WE HAVE NO
INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT. FAHMY WILL DOUBLESS RAISE
SUBJECT AGAIN. IN ANY CASE, AFTER PAPER WE RECENTLY
GAVE HIM ON ETHIOPIA, HE OWES US PAPER GIVING EGYPTIAN
ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT SITUATION ON HORN OF AFRICA.
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